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METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated January 9, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 7-40, as follows:

(New) A plasma processing method for removing a photoresist film formed at a 7. workpiece placed within a processing chamber, comprising:

applying high-frequency power for biasing to the workpiece at a first power

level;

raising the processing gas to a plasma; and

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